

QUEENSLAND SAWMILL STATISTICS - JUNE QUARTER, 1957.

This bulletin has been compiled, in co-operation with the Sub-Department of Forestry, from returns lodged by the proprietors of sawmills licensed throughout the State. Some returns had not been received when these statistics were compiled, but estimates were included for them. The figures for the last four quarters are therefore subject to revision when final figures for 1956-57 are completed.

Log Consumption (See Tables 1 and 3).

In the June quarter of 1957 mills used logs measuring 118,770,000 super. feet, which was 1,559,000 super. feet, or 1.3 per cent., above the usage in the corresponding quarter of 1956. The medium-sized mills (capacities of from 5,000 to 15,000 super. feet) recorded a total cut exceeding the combined totals of all other sawmills. Mills producing plywood, veneers, &c., showed a decrease in production, and the quantity of logs sliced or peeled by them totalled 8,948,000 super. feet, which is the smallest amount treated since the June quarter of 1954.

Mills in Operation (see Table 2).

The total of 734 mills operating in the June quarter of 1957 was 4 more than in the March quarter of 1957, but 6 less than in June quarter, 1956. In the northern divisions of Townsville and Cairns, 112 mills operated with an average cut of 176,600 super. feet per mill which was the lowest quarterly average recorded during recent years, chiefly due to decreased consumption by plywood and veneer mills. In the rest of the State both the average cut per mill and the total usage of timber were high, and the 622 mills averaged 159,100 super. feet per mill. The 215 mills with daily capacities of from 5,000 to 15,000 super. feet were the largest consumers of logs with a total of 55.3m. super. feet. The 445 mills with daily capacities of under 5,000 super. feet used 32.4m. super. feet, the 33 large mills with capacities of more than 15,000 super. feet used 22.1m. super. feet, and plywood and veneer mills used 9.0m. super. feet.

Species of Timber (see Tables 1 and 3).

In the June quarter of 1957, while the total usage of timber was very close to that in the corresponding quarter of 1956, cabinet woods and miscellaneous timber which are mostly northern timbers were less by 29 per cent. and imported timbers, used chiefly by plywood and veneer mills, were 31 per cent. less. On the other hand there were marked increases in hoop and bunya pine and cypress pine. Of the 118,770,000 super. feet of log timber used, hardwoods of all kinds accounted for 69,260,000 super. feet - over half of the native logs used. Hoop and bunya pine amounted to 11,634,000 super. feet, cypress pine to 13,602,000 super. feet, and cabinet woods to 6,096,000 super. feet. The cut of plantation thinnings was 4,593,000 super. feet, while miscellaneous species of log timber measuring 9,959,000 super. feet were also used. A total of 2,987,000 super. feet of imported timber was used, mostly by plywood and veneer mills.

Logs Used in Statistical Divisions (see Table 4).

Consumption of log timber was highest in Maryborough Division with 25.7m. super. feet, followed by Moreton with 24.7m. super. feet, Downs with 19.2m. super. feet, Cairns with 17.9m. super. feet, and the metropolitan area with 12.8m. super. feet. The remainder of the State, principally Rockhampton, Mackay, and Roma Divisions, accounted for 18.5m. super. feet.

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Table 1 - Logs Used - Species.

Species.	Quarter Ended -				
	30th June, 1956.	30th Sept., 1956. ^s	31st Dec., 1956. ^s	31st March, 1957. ^s	30th June, 1957. ^s
	Super. Feet.	Super. Feet.	Super. Feet.	Super. Feet.	Super. Feet.
<u>Locally Grown</u> -					
Hoop and Bunya Pine	8,030,319	9,459,762	11,813,698	11,976,744	11,633,943
Kauri Pine	1,039,053	1,131,640	1,176,121	757,227	638,952
Plantation Thinnings	5,167,132	4,609,147	6,085,232	5,241,199	4,592,845
Cypress Pine	10,428,875	11,703,517	13,529,735	13,221,173	13,601,703
Hardwoods	65,541,905	72,949,773	62,692,266	63,825,025	69,260,403
Cabinet Woods	8,706,521	9,378,580	9,271,554	8,332,860	6,096,569
Miscellaneous	13,951,864	15,366,738	12,868,464	12,448,181	9,958,682
<u>Imported</u>	4,345,234	4,347,855	3,407,921	3,236,419	2,986,583
<u>Total</u>	117,210,903	128,947,012	120,844,991	119,038,828	118,769,680

s Subject to revision.

Table 2 - Mills Operating, June Quarter, 1957 - Statistical Divisions
and Capacity Groups.

Statistical Division.	Capacity per Day.			Plywood and Veneer Mills, &c.	Total.
	Under 5,000 Super. Feet.	5,000 to 15,000 Super. Feet.	Over 15,000 Super. Feet.		
Metropolitan	34	19	4	11	68
Moreton ^a	124	49	6	2	181
Maryborough	85	44	8	2	139
Downs	75	38	3	-	116
Roma	20	5	-	-	25
South-Western	1	-	-	-	1
Total South Q'land	339	155	21	15	530
Rockhampton	45	11	1	-	57
Central-Western	4	3	-	-	7
Far-Western	-	-	-	-	-
Total Central Q'land	49	14	1	-	64
Mackay	17	8	-	-	25
Townsville	4	2	1	2	9
Cairns	35	34	10	24	103
Peninsula	-	1	-	-	1
North-Western	1	1	-	-	2
Total North Q'land	57	46	11	26	140
<u>Total Queensland</u>	445	215	33	41	734

a Excluding Metropolitan.

Table 3 - Logs Used, June Quarter, 1957 - Species and Capacity Groups.

Species.	Capacity per Day.			Plywood and Veneer Mills, &c.	Total.
	Under 5,000 Sup.Ft.	5,000 to 15,000 Sup.Ft.	Over 15,000 Sup.Ft.		
	1,000 Sup. Ft.	1,000 Sup. Ft.	1,000 Sup. Ft.	1,000 Sup. Ft.	1,000 Sup. Ft.
<u>Locally Grown -</u>					
Pine - Hoop and Bunya ..	563	2,848	6,021	2,202	11,634
Kauri	48	191	100	300	639
Plantation Thinnings ..	809	2,597	1,118	69	4,593
Cypress	7,950	5,652	-	-	13,602
Hardwoods	20,995	38,297	9,902	66	69,260
Cabinet Woods	365	2,184	1,952	1,595	6,096
Miscellaneous	1,540	3,486	2,818	2,115	9,959
<u>Imported</u>	106	79	202	2,600	2,987
<u>Total</u>	32,376	55,334	22,113	8,947	118,770

Table 4 - Logs Used, June Quarter, 1957 - Statistical Divisions and Species.

Statistical Division.	Locally Grown.							Im-ported.	Total.
	Hoop and Bunya Pine.	Kauri Pine.	Plan-tation Thin-nings.	Cypress Pine.	Hard-woods.	Cabinet Woods.	Miscell-aneous.		
	1,000 Sup.Ft.	1,000 Sup.Ft.	1,000 Sup.Ft.	1,000 Sup.Ft.	1,000 Sup.Ft.	1,000 Sup.Ft.	1,000 Sup.Ft.	1,000 Sup.Ft.	1,000 Sup.Ft.
Metropolitan ..	3,948	-	54	-	5,860	241	198	2,532	12,833
Moreton ^a ..	2,473	7	953	39	19,841	91	977	349	24,730
Maryborough ..	4,446	1	2,595	35	18,534	24	34	-	25,669
Downs	396	-	884	9,320	7,524	2	1,068	-	19,194
Roma	-	-	-	3,405	27	-	-	-	3,432
South-Western ..	-	-	-	120	-	-	-	-	120
Total S. Q'land	11,263	8	4,486	12,919	51,786	358	2,277	2,881	85,978
Rockhampton ..	292	-	107	674	5,355	-	12	-	6,440
Central-Western ..	-	-	-	9	1,800	-	-	-	1,809
Far-Western ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total C. Q'land	292	-	107	683	7,155	-	12	-	8,249
Mackay	79	-	-	-	3,251	-	566	-	3,896
Townsville ..	-	-	-	-	1,202	589	144	-	1,935
Cairns	-	631	-	-	5,119	5,149	6,945	-	17,844
Peninsula ..	-	-	-	-	62	-	15	-	77
North-Western ..	-	-	-	-	685	-	-	106	791
Total N. Q'land	79	631	-	-	10,319	5,738	7,670	106	24,543
<u>Total Q'land</u>	11,634	639	4,593	13,602	69,260	6,096	9,959	2,987	118,770

a Excluding Metropolitan.